

MAJ Larry Winchell



Peace Corps volunteer Tierney Davis (right) provided Spanish translation for COL David Kosioerck as he assessed the dental needs of a resident of Santa Maria, Paraguay, during the medical readiness exercise.

## Santa Maria, Paraguay

### Exercise Brings Smiles to Paraguay

RESIDENTS of Santa Maria smile a little brighter since U.S. Army, South, conducted its first dental readiness exercise.

For 10 days, members of the Massachusetts Army National Guard's 287th Medical Company extracted teeth, filled cavities, fitted dentures and taught oral-hygiene classes at three local schools.

"This was a goodwill exercise," said COL Kevin P. Carey, commander of the 287th Med. Co. "It was also a great opportunity to train our dentists in a field environment."

With nine dentists — all with private practices in Massachusetts — Carey's unit deployed with three x-ray machines and 10 dental chairs.

"This was a fantastic group effort that provided the people of Santa Maria with restorative dental care and dentures, something they could not afford on their own," said LTC Gerald P. Timoney, chief of USARSO's Humanitarian and Civic Assistance Division.

The unit had five bilingual soldiers and four Peace Corps volunteers serving as translators.

During the oral-hygiene classes the soldiers taught young Paraguayans to brush their teeth three times a day, if possible, and to use water instead of lemon juice if no toothpaste was available. They also taught them they could use thin fishing line for dental floss.

"At the end of each class we issued each student a new toothbrush," said COL Thomas G. Braun, one of the team's dentists. "They appreciated the new brushes as if we had handed them a \$100 bill." — MAJ Larry Winchell, U.S. Army, South, Public Affairs Office



The assault hoseline (left) comes packaged in flaking box containers. Inside each box is 1,000 feet of 4-inch collapsible hose that can handle 350 gallons-per-minute. Thirteen flaking boxes make up the complete system.

SPC Travis Edwards (both)

MSG Brian Shatswell (at left), senior fuel sergeant, leads civilian fuel-farm foreman Jeffrey Simmons and COL Tom Palmer, Joint Logistics Command commander, on a tour of the new assault hoseline at Camp Stronghold Freedom.

"The current fuel transfer system will be inadequate to meet the requirements we think we'll have," said MSG Brian Shatswell of the JLC-Distribution Management Center. "Improvements must be made to ensure there is a constant flow of petroleum."

To ensure this constant flow of fuel, logisticians installed an assault hoseline system that ties directly into the Uzbek facility but bypasses its antiquated and sometimes unreliable pumping system.

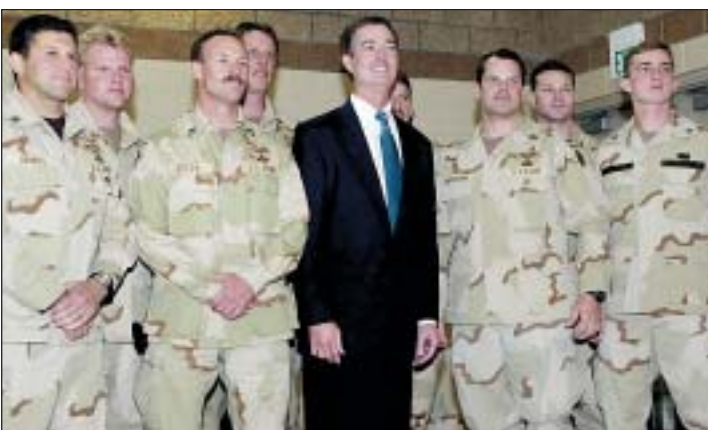
"By using a temporary system called an assault hoseline outfit, we were able to route the flow of petroleum more than 300 meters to the U.S. fuel farm," said Shatswell.

"Someday, somewhere, some soldier's life may depend on the firepower that's brought to bear from a combat system with fuel that originated from this pipeline," he said. "I'd like to think we made the difference if that time came." — SPC Travis Edwards, Joint Logistics Command PAO

**Camp Stronghold Freedom, Uzbekistan**

## Assault Hose Secures Flowing Fuel

LOGISTICIANS of the Joint Logistics Command here created an alternative way for petroleum products to be transferred from an old Uzbek fuel farm to a U.S. contingency fuel farm in case the old facility becomes inoperable.



MSG Deb Smith

Colorado Governor Bill Owens took time to welcome home members of the Colorado Army National Guard's Co. B, 5th Bn., 19th SFG, upon their return from a year-long deployment in Afghanistan.

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"We're here to say thank you," said Colorado Governor Bill Owens. "We're here to honor your sacrifice and your service, and to say thank you to your families, who have been such a source of pride and inspiration to all of us."

Although families and friends made the "welcome home" ceremony a joyous event, the soldiers' return was bittersweet. Last April, unit member SFC Daniel Romero was killed during an ordnance disposal operation in Kandahar.

"This journey began when terrorists attacked our nation," Owens said. "They did their worst. We answered by sending our best." — MSG Deborah A. Smith

**Denver, Colo.**

## SF Soldiers Return From Afghanistan

SOME 100 soldiers of the Colorado Army National Guard's Company B, 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group,